

GRIDIRON CLUB'S  
"FEATURE FEAST."

Subtle Innuendoes at Public Men  
Marked Newspaper Correspondent's Banquet.

## MANY TEST FLYING MACHINE.

"Panama" Appears for Recognition and Shakes Republican  
"Elephant's" Trunk While  
Democratic "Donkey"  
Brays.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Gridiron Club entertained more than 100 guests at its December dinner at the Arlington Hotel to-night. The evening was replete with unique features, in which public events and the alleged ambitions and aspirations of statesmen were made subjects of burlesque and good-natured ridicule.

The initiation of three new members afforded an opportunity to picture the inside workings of a newspaper office. The staff discussed methods of interviewing many of the guests present.

The Republic of Panama made a sudden appearance at the dinner and was recognized by the Republican Elephant, whose trunk it shook, amidst the brays of the Democratic Donkey.

The Gridiron Club flying machine was brought in and a number of prominent guests were given an opportunity to test it, the course being to the White House, but all met with a mishap before reaching the goal.

It was an imitation of Professor Langley's airship, and Speaker Cannon was invited to take a seat. He was asked: "How long have you been in Congress?" "Thirty years," was the reply.

"How long have you been Speaker?"

"Four weeks."

"Well, it takes thirty years to become Speaker of the House, you will never live long enough for this flying machine to carry you to the White House."

And the Speaker was escorted back to his seat.

One of the wings of the flying machine represented a "new trump" hand and Colonel McCallan was asked if he would like a trip. His attention was called to the hand on the wing, from which one important card was missing.

"I see the high, the jack and the ten spot," said the New York Mayor-elect, "where is the other card?"

"Oh, low is not in it," was the reply.

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Moving pictures were introduced to illustrate recent events, political and social and a New York policeman appeared and hung a red light directly over the place where such a man of Tammany and Mayor-elect McCallan were sitting.

Many brilliant and witty speeches were made, interspersed with topical songs. Amidst the festivities the lights were turned down and large pictures of William E. Annin and Hub T. Smith, members who died during the past year, were thrown on a screen and a short and impressive eulogy was delivered by Major John Carson, in which references were made to the fact that Mr. Annin was once president of the club and that Mr. Smith was one of its valued musical members.

The pictures faded away, and as the club sang one of Hub Smith's songs the lights again flashed up and the mirth proceeded.

Among the guests present were the British Ambassador, Sir Henry Mortimer, the Chinese Minister, Sir Chen Tung-Ling Cheng; Baron von Giskara of the Austrian Legation; Senators Hanna, Gorman, Bacon, Warren, Clay, Pettus, Keane, Scott; Speaker Cannon and Representatives John Sharp Williams, Babcock, Bode, Daisell, Hemenway, Lloyd, Lorimer, Lucking, Mann, McCall, McCallahan, McNary, Mondell, Overstreet, Pringle, Burkett and Richardson; Eugene Allen and Milton E. Allen, Washington, D. C.; Philip Loring Allen, New York Evening Post; Captain George W. Baird, U. S. N.; F. N. Barksdale, Pennsylvania; Colonel John R. Biddle, U. S. A.; George W. Boyd, Pennsylvania Railroad; Charles H. Boynton, Associated Press, New York; J. A. Brewster, Wyoming; Colonel Richard J. Bright, Washington, D. C.; Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati; L. S. Brown, Southern Railroad; J. O. H. Cosgrove, Everybody's Magazine; Charles H. Darling, Assistant Secretary of the Navy; John W. Foster, Indiana; Major Hugh J. Gallagher, U. S. A.; Joseph Garretson, Cincinnati; Times-Star; General George L. Gillespie, U. S. A.; Charles S. Gled, Topeka, Kas.; Clement A. Grissom, Philadelphia; S. H. Hardwick and W. A. Henderson, Southern Railroad; J. T. Hendricks, Union Pacific Railroad; H. G. Kaufman, Washington Evening Star; Edward Kenna, Chicago; Lieutenant Commander John J. Knapp, U. S. N.; William Loch, secretary to the President; Henry Lowenthal, New York Times; Francis B. Loomis, Assistant Secretary of State; W. W. Ludlow, Washington, D. C.; Robert Mackay of the Success; J. H. Maddy, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; Charles E. Magoon, Nebraska; John A. Merritt, Postmaster, Washington, D. C.; Charles F. Murphy, New York; F. M. Murphy and N. O. Murphy, Arizona; Captain Henry McCrea, U. S. N.; Thomas C. Noyes, Washington Star; George W. Ochs, Philadelphia Public Ledger; Frederick Palmer, Collier's Weekly; Charles H. Robb, Assistant Attorney General; Victor Rosewater, Omaha Bee; John C. Scofield, John H. Small, Jr., and A. R. Spofford, Washington, D. C.; Colonel Thomas W. Simons, U. S. A.; Rear Admiral H. C. Taylor, U. S. N.; John M. Thurman, Nebraska; Charles A. Towne, New York; W. A. Turk, Southern Railroad; Doctor Walter Wyman, Surgeon General, Marine Hospital Service, and J. J. Wilber, Washington, D. C.

## VISITORS AT ST. LOUIS HOTELS

—John H. Cronin of Cairo, Ill., is at the Southern.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Jones of Chicago are at the Laclede.

—Walter D. Dickey, a Republican politician of Kansas City, is at the Planters.

—A. R. Spofford, Washington, D. C., is registered at the Laclede.

—W. B. Goddard of Sparta, Ill., is at the Laclede.

—Clyde E. Dwyer of Mattoon, Ill., is a guest at the Laclede.

—William R. Palmer of Rolla, Mo., is at the St. Nicholas.

—A. A. Tyler of Little Rock, Ark., is registered at the Laclede.

—J. S. Price of Little Rock, Ark., is a guest at the St. Nicholas.

—John A. Bushnell of Clinton, Mo., is a guest at the Planters.

—Otis S. Eaton of Dallas, Tex., is at the Moer.

—M. R. Montgomery of Dallas, Tex., is at the Madison.

—J. B. Hanford of Fort Worth, Tex., is at the Laclede.

—J. C. Foley of New York is at the New St. James.

—J. H. Hitt of Mayville, Mo., is on the guest list at the Southern.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Keefe of Moberly, Mo., have rooms at the Planters.

—J. C. Stewart of Webb City, Mo., is registered at the Planters.

—W. V. Galbreath of Fort Worth, Tex., is a guest at the Laclede.

—A. Bullard of Newport, Ark., is a guest at the Laclede.

—J. H. Miller of Louisville, Ky., is on the guest list at the New St. James.

—Harry Friedberg of Kansas City is registered at the Laclede.

—Paul Meyer of Madrid, Spain, is a guest at the Southern.

—Theodore Leary of Halifax, Nova Scotia, has rooms at the New St. James.

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—The Northern—J. H. Brown, G. H. Barnes, H. O. Becker, G. Gibson, E. S. Hill, Jr., C. C. Wilson.

—Saratoga—M. I. Bullman, I. A. Cashman, Victoria—Mrs. W. N. Carll, A. T. Samuels, L. L. Johnson.

—Grand Pacific—C. D. Mitchell, C. Taylor, J. Sherman House—L. G. English, M. K. Shaw, Morrison—F. H. Helmer, E. T. Ellis.

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—Thorndike—Mrs. H. B. Alock, St. Louis.

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A special gift feature of our optical department is a splendid pair of solid gold spectacles for \$5.00, others up to \$12.00; will be fitted after the holidays by our expert opticians, Drs. Bond and Montgomery.

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Write for Test Measure, mailed free.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are for sale by all druggists at 50 cents a box.

## Meyer Store Going Out of Business! Goods Must Go!

WE'LL  
FILL  
MAIL  
ORDERS



OTHER stores can't compete with these prices! They're going to remain in business! We're not! A lifetime chance! Stores as large as The Meyer Store don't often quit business! A \$500,000 stock to be sold in a limited time! All classes of merchandise! Very finest! The best is here! Choose your share now! Don't wait to regret! See the crowds who have caught on! The goods are things going fast! Sales like these don't require much advertising! The goods sell themselves! The doors will be open to-morrow again at 8 o'clock a. m.!!! Follow the crowds!

NEW  
IDEA  
DRESS  
PATTERNS  
5c

## \$7.95 for Elegant \$15 Coats and Suits.



Tailor-made Suits that were \$17.50—Monday. \$9.95  
Men-Tailored Suits that were \$25.00—Monday. \$14.95  
Stylish Melton and Cheviot Coats that were \$10—Monday. \$4.95  
Girls' Coats that were \$10.00—Monday. \$4.95  
Scarfs that were \$3.00—Monday cut to \$1.25  
Three-quarter-length Military Coats, former price \$25.00—deep cape, trimmed with brass buttons—Monday, cut to \$11.95  
Light Tan Kersey Jackets that were \$30.00—elaborately trimmed and elegantly tailored—Monday cut to \$11.95  
Covert, Tweed and Broadcloth Coats that were \$30.00, tailored with military effects, fitted or loose backs—Monday cut to \$14.95  
Cluster Scarfs that were \$6.00—Six-brush tails, genuine blended Mink—Monday cut to \$2.45  
Siberian Squirrel, Beaver, Marten and Molekin Scarfs that were \$25.00—Monday cut to \$11.95  
Tailor-made Suits that were \$30.00—Monday, lined throughout—\$25.00  
Imported Velvet Suits, Coats and Skirts that were \$75—only one of a kind—Monday cut to \$49.50

AND A HUNDRED OTHER ITEMS, TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION

## 36-in. Black Taffeta for 59c!

Silk Chiffons, all colors, former price \$2.00 per yard, now cut to 35c  
Black and Colored Taffetas, former price 75c, now cut to 39c  
12½c Lonsdale 5c  
Bleached Bed Sheets, 6x10, former price 39c, now cut to 39c  
German Blue Calico, 32 in. wide, former price 12½c, now cut to 7½c  
Unbleached Canton Flannel, former price 7½c, now cut to 34c  
Unbleached 10-4 Sheet, former price 30c, now cut to 18c  
Dark Checked and Striped Flannel, former price 10c, now cut to 5c  
Cardinal Calico, best quality, former price 7½c, now cut to 4½c  
Apron Gingham, former price 7½c, now cut to 4½c  
Bird's-eye Duck Towels, former price 12½c, now cut to 6c  
Turkish Bath Towels, former price 15c, now cut to 8½c  
Mercerized Oxford and Vestings, former price 38c, now cut to 19c  
California All-wool Blankets, former price \$5.00, now cut to \$2.75

## 50c Corded Silks for 25c!

Fancy Zibeline and Scotch Suiting, former price \$1.00, now cut to 44c  
Black and Colored Wool Crepe de Chine, former price 39c, now cut to 19c  
Fancy Taffeta Louisiana and Beau de Soie, former price \$1.25, now cut to 59c  
Fancy Zibeline and Scotch Suiting, former price \$1.00, now cut to 44c  
20 pieces of plain and fancy dress goods in all the latest weaves and colors that were \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard, now cut to 89c  
\$50 Trimmed Hats \$10.00  
Original French Models—There are 82 of them, representing the world's most famous designers, such as Linn, Faulkner, Ester Meyer, Mons. Virot, Miss. Poysanne and others, name of maker in each hat, cost from \$35.00 to \$50.00 to import, your choice \$10.00  
2,000 Trimmed Hats, some like cut, former price up to \$15.00, Monday cut to \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00  
5,000 Untrimmed Hats, former price up to \$5.00, including silk beavers, fur felts, made velvets and silk hats, every one fresh and clean, Monday cut to 99c and 49c  
Fine Undermuslins. Gowns, Skirts, Chemises, Drawers and Corset Covers, former price \$1.00, Monday cut to 45c  
Those that were formerly sold at \$3.00 and \$4.00 per garment, Monday cut to \$1.50  
Black Union Suits, former price \$3.50, pure wool—Monday cut to \$1.69  
High-Grade Corsets at One-Half. Imported I. C. Corsets—former price up to \$5.00, French, German, American Lady, C. B. and other well-known makes—Monday cut to \$2.00  
Ladies' Gloves. Kid Mittens, former price \$1.50, finest quality mocha leather, fleece lined, fur cuffs, Monday cut to 49c  
Kid Gloves, former price \$1.25, choice of entire line of P K stitch street gloves, Monday cut to 69c  
White Mousseline Gloves, former price \$3.00, ¾-length, Monday cut to 99c  
Infants' Wear. Long Slips, Dresses and Skirts formerly sold at \$2.50; Mon. cut to \$1.00

**Men's Suits and Overcoats.**

\$4.90 for those that were \$8.50.  
\$6.35 for those that were \$10.00.  
\$9.75 for those that were \$15.00.  
\$12.25 for those that were \$20.00.

**Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Reefers.**

99c for those that were \$2.50.  
\$1.39 for those that were \$3.00.  
\$1.94 for those that were \$3.50.  
\$3.67 for those that were \$7.50.

**THE MEYER STORE**

**309 BROADWAY & WASHINGTON**

**Monarch Shirts, 59c**

Monarch brand, stiff bosom, fancy percale shirts, this season's latest styles, open fronts and back, with cuffs to match, all sizes. The standard price of them is \$1.00 the world over—as long as they last, 59c for \$3.25, or each.

**Men's and Boys' Jersey Caps, 9c.**

Girls' Camels Hair Tam O'Shanter, all colors, former price 15c, Monday cut to 9c  
Men's and Boys' Soft and Stiff Hats, former price \$1.50—Monday cut to 74c  
Men's Winter Soft Hats, former price \$1.50, Monday cut to \$2.23

**95c for \$2 Toilet Sets.**

Toilet Sets, ebony back, consisting of mirror, brush and comb, former price \$2.00; Monday cut to 95c  
Sterling Silver Manicure Sets, former price \$3.00; Monday cut to \$1.75  
Yard Remnants of Mercery, former price 15c; Monday cut to 50c

**Spangled Scarfs and Shawls, former price up to \$2.00; Monday cut to 10c**  
Sheila Richardson Embroidery Silk, former price 4c; Monday cut to 2c  
Yard Remnants of Mercery, former price 15c; Monday cut to 3c

**Boys' and Youths' Calf Lace Shoes, heavy double soles, were \$2.00, now, \$1.39**

## DALLAS LINE TO PECOS VALLEY.

Railway Connection Promised With Rich Agricultural District and Important Texas Lines.

## REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 5.—Dallas is at last assured of early direct railway connections with the rich valley of the Pecos in Texas and New Mexico, and the splendid central Panhandle section, located midway between the Texas and Pacific and the Fort Worth and Denver roads.

These sections are being settled at a rapid rate and arid lands made to blossom as a flower garden by irrigation methods. Articles of the incorporation of Texas and New Mexico and Western Railroad Company, filed at Austin, give assurances that the projectors and promoters of this new enterprise are in earnest, and that Dallas will be the headquarters of the new company. One of the most prominent of the promoters of the enterprise, discussing the prospects, said:

"This road is a go. Colonel C. C. Slaughter and his associates are men who can command the necessary capital, and they intend to push the work without unnecessary delay. The promoters of the Texas, New Mexico and Western Railroad own the franchises of the old Dallas and Wichita Falls Railway, an enterprise which was projected years ago and never built. The franchise did not die, however, and the Texas and Western Railroad Road is the successor of the Dallas and Wichita Falls project. My understanding is that the road has been financed by home men, and the contract will be awarded in January after the close of the holiday season."

About eighteen miles of the old Dallas and Wichita Falls Railway grade, running in a northerly direction from Dallas, will be used. It is my understanding that the right-of-way in Dallas County has already been secured and surveyed. Mr. Healy, who has been at work for months, has procured right-of-way through Denton and Wise counties. Mr. Miller of Decatur is associated with Mr. Healy, who makes Fort Worth his headquarters. It will be a Dallas-Roswell road, will be operated independently of the big systems, will be a home enterprise from start to finish, and embrace approximately 60 miles of new track.

The incorporators of the road are among the wealthiest and most prominent and influential men of Texas. They are E. F. Spears, Charles Steinmann, C. C. Slaughter, J. N. Wharton, J. B. Lucas, John G. Hunter, M. M. Crane, ex-Attorney General of Texas; J. A. Wilbitt, all of Dallas; M. J. Hestley of Fort Worth and W. A. Miller of Decatur.

The road is to be built through the counties of Dallas, Tarrant, Denton, Parker, Wise, Jack, Young, Archer, Throckmorse, Haskell, Baylor, Knox, Burnet, Kinney, Kent, Dickens, Garza, Crosby, Lynn, Lubbock, Terry, Hockley, Yoakum and Cochran.

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